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TAGS: ECOSOC, UN, EGEN, HABITAT

SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (ITEM 10)

1. SUMMARY. US DEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS SUPPORT OF THE COMPROMISE POINTS NEGOTIATED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AND SEEKS INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING IT TO TAKE THIS POSITION. DISCUSSIONS WILL RECONVENE MONDAY MORNING, JULY 18. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS LASTING OVER ONE WEEK, THE WORKING GROUP HAS PUT TOGETHER THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A PACKAGE WHICH IS RECOGNIZED AS THE ONLY APPARENT BASIS FOR COMPROMISE (SEE PARA 8). THE WORKING GROUP WILL RECONVENE MON MONDAY, JULY 18, TO HEAR GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DSITO IT AND TO MERGE THESE ELEMENTS WITH THE LONG VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION, I.E., THE HABITAT CONFERENCE REPORT ANNEX I, WITH AMENDMENTS.

3. THE PROPOSALS REPRESENT THE CONSENSUS VIEW THAT WHEN POLISHED AND JOINED WITH THE FULL RESOLUTION TEXT THIS IS THE ONLY COMPROMISE OBTAINABLE. IT OBVIOUSLY

DOES NOT MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY NOR MEAN THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS WILL WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS TEXT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME (SUCH AS FRANCE OR JAPAN) MAY NOT APPROVE OF IT WHEN IT IS REVIEWED ON MONDAY; IN THE PLENARY OF THE AD HOC SESSION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS MEETING; IN ECOSOC PLENARY; OR EVEN AT THE 32ND UNGA. (KITCHEN CONVERSATION WITH THE USSR INDICATE THAT THEY WILL GO ALONG WITH IT.) THE COMPROMISE HAS, HOWEVER, THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE G-77, THE CANADIANS/SWEDES AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE ESA SUPPORTERS AND THAT OF THE US DEL, WHICH PLAYED AN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE IN ITS FORMULATION. AMB YOUNG AND AMB WELLS ARE BOTH PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS.

4. AS IN THE NATURE OF COMPROMISE, EACH OF THE PRINCIPALS CAN FIND REWARD IN SOME ASPECT OF THE AGREEMENT. FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF THOSE WHO WANTED: (A) A UNEP SOLUTION (I.E., A SECRETARIAT INTEGRATED WITH UNEP - THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY BE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP - THE LOCATION, NAIROBI) -- THEY GOT NAIROBI; (B) ESA (I.E., A SECRETARIAT PART OF ESA -- A CREATURE OF ECOSOC, AND AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY REPORTING TO ECOSOC - NEW YORK) - THEY GOT A CREATURE OF ECOSOC, ADMITTEDLY ONE WHICH REPORTS THROUGH ECOSOC TO THE GA; (C) A COMPLETELY NEW AGENCY (NEW INDEPENDENT SECRETARIAT - INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY REPORTING ONLY TO THE GA - VIENNA) THEY GOT AN INDEPENDENT SECRETARIAT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(FYI. THE QUESTION OF THE RANK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS A STANDOFF AT THIS JUNCTURE. END FYI.)

5. ALL OF THE DECISIONS ARE HEAVILY QUALIFIED WITH REFERENCE TO THE RESULTS OF RESTRUCTURING; THIS INCLUDES THE RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER UN BODIES, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY AND THE APPROPRIATE RANK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

6. WHILE SOME MIGHT SAY THE PROPOSED ACTION REFLECTS A DEFERENCE OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE FINAL DECISION, THIS IS REALISTICALLY THE ONLY SENSIBLE COURSE, IF AS THE US DOES, ONE TAKES RESTRUCTURING SERIOUSLY.

7. RECOMMENDATION: THE US DEL STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE COMPROMISE POSITION AND WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ASAP WHICH AUTHORIZE OUR SO INDICATING THIS VIEW TO OTHER DELS, IF THE DEPT AGREES. ON THIS BASIS WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THE DEPT CONSIDER REQUESTING EMBASSIES IN TOKYO, PARIS, OTTAWA, LONDON TO SO ADVISE THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

8. BEGIN TEXT

COMPONENTS OF THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS COMPROMISE

"1. DECIDES THAT ECOSOC SHOULD ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WHICH WILL HAVE 58 MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

(GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION TO BE DECIDED UPON LATER)

DECIDES THAT THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WILL INTER ALIA INCLUDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AT PRESENT EXERCISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING.

DECIDES FURTHER THAT THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE THE FOLLOWING MAIN OBJECTIVES:

((A) TO (D) OF PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE ANNEX OF THE REPORT OF THE HABITAT CONFERENCE)

DECIDES THAT THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS WILL REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

DECIDES THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD NAME, AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL, TO BE DECIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 32ND SESSION, AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL REPORT TO HIM.

DECIDES THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING TO THE 32ND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY IN RESPECT OF THE STRUCTURAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE HABITAT CENTRE TO OTHER ORGANS OR UNITS OF THE UNITED NATION.

2. HABITAT, THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS - A SMALL AND EFFECTIVE HABITAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED NATIONS TO SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ACTION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO BE NAMED HABITAT, THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. IT SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF:

(A) THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS;

(B) THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE POSTS REQUIRED BY UNEP TO EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF HUMAN SETTLE-  
MENTS PLANNING;

(C) THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION;

(D) AS APPROPRIATE, SELECTED POSTS AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCES  
FROM RELEVANT PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS.

3. CO-OPERATION WITH UNEP - THERE SHOULD BE VERY CLOSE LINKS  
BETWEEN THE HABITAT CENTRE AND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT  
PROGRAMME. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE LOCATION OF THE HABITAT  
CENTRE SHOULD BE IN NAIROBI.

4. THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION  
- A NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE DRAFT RESO-  
LUTION AS FOLLOWS:

"DECIDES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS  
FOUNDATION SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECRETARIAT AND SHALL HAVE THE SAME TERMS  
OF REFERENCE AS SET OUT IN THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION  
3327 (XXIX) WHICH ESTABLISHED THE FOUNDATION WITH APPROPRIATE  
AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMISSION  
ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS."

(FYI: THE PURPOSE OF THIS LAST LANGUAGE IS TO  
ASSURE RETENTION OF THE CAPACITY OF THE FOUNDATION  
TO RECEIVE FOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CARRY OUT  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES. END FYI.)

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